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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5      An optical receiving apparatus according to the present invention comprises an optical signal branching circuit for receiving a signal light input from an optical transmission line, a discriminator for discriminating an output signal of the optical signal branching circuit, an evaluator for evaluating characteristics of another output signal of the 10 optical signal branching circuit. The evaluator includes a saturable absorber for determining the discrimination threshold of the discriminator.

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